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1. DESPITE MORE PRESSING PROBLEMS PRESENTLY FACING HIM, PRIME MINISTER TOLD ME THAT HE HAD OBTAINED AGREEMENT OF ALL MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO NOMINATION OF CHHUT CHHOEUR AS KHMER UN PERMREP. ALTHOUGH CHHUT CHHOEUR HAS NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED, GKR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL SHORTLY BE CABLING HIM HIS ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT.

2. LONG BORET SAID THAT KHMERS STILL HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ON THIS APPOINTMENT WHICH CENTER NOT ON THE CALIBER OF THE CANDIDATE BUT ON EFFECT CHHUT CHHOEUR'S ABSENCE FROM CANBERRA WILL HAVE ON GOA. LONG BORET CLAIMED SOME OF THE AUSTRALIAN LEFTIST ELEMENTS IN LABOR PARTY ARE SPONSORING VISIT OF GRUNK LEADERS TO AUSTRALIA AND PHNOM PENH FEARS THAT THEIR PRESENCE AND PROLONGED ABSENCE GKR AMBASSADOR FROM AUSTRALIA MIGHT LEAD TO DETERIORATION IN GKR-GOA RELATIONS. I REPLIED THAT AUSTRALIANS MIGHT BE FLATTERED TO HEAR THAT KHMER AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA IS SO HIGHLY REGARDED AS TO BE CHOSEN FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC TASK FACING KHMER

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REPUBLIC AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY UNDERSTAND HIS ABSENCE FROM

CANBERRA FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. FURTHERMORE, I SAID GOA IS MATURE, RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT AND THUS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE ITS DIPLOMATIC POSTURE VIS-A-VIS PHNOM PENH MERELY ON BASIS OF GRUNK LEADERS VISIT OR GKR AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE. GOA ATTITUDE WILL INSTEAD DEPEND IN FIRST PLACE ON GKR'S PERFORMANCE AT HOME BOTH IN MILITARY AND POLITICAL FIELD.

3. PRIME MINISTER ASKED ME WHETHER AMBASSADOR GREEN COULD FACILITATE KHMER TASK BY EXPLAINING TO AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES REASONS FOR CHHUT CHHOEUR'S DESIGNATION AS KHMER UN PERMREP AND HIS EXPECTED PROLONGED ABSENCES FROM AUSTRALIA. I REPLIED THAT AMBASSADOR GREEN, WHO KNOWS KHMER PROBLEM WELL WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WISH TO BE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD. I STRESSED HOWEVER THAT NO MORE TIME SHOULD BE LOST AND THAT CHHUT CHHOEUR SHOULD RETURN TO PHNOM PENH IN NEAR FUTURE TO GET HIS INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO PROCEEDING TO NEW YORK.

4. FOR CANBERRA: WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANYTHING AMBASSADOR GREEN CAN DO TO FACILITATE CHHUT CHHOEUR'S TASK WITH AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES. ALSO, COULD WE BE KEPT INFORMED WHEN KHMER AMBASSADOR PLANS TO LEAVE CANBERRA. MANY THANKS.
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